

Expecting Death in Discharge of Their Duty, Court Officers Are Shot Down in Cold Blood by Carroll County Desperadoes

ATTEMPT TO KILL KING OF ITALY

Anarchist Fires Three Shots, but Ruler Escapes Injury.

OFFICER OF GUARD WOUNDED IN HEAD

Police Save Would-Be Assassin From Infuriated Populace. Monarch Remains Calm and Reassures Queen—Great Demonstration at Palace. Pope Expresses Regret.



KING VICTOR EMMANUEL.

Rome, March 14.—A youthful anarchist, Antonio Dalia by name, who asserts that he is a member of no organization, attempted to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel to-day. The King was not injured, nor was Queen Helena, who was driving in a closed carriage with him at the time, but an officer of the King's guard, Major Lang, was wounded in the head and fell from his horse. Three shots were fired at the King, who was on his way to the Pantheon to attend a service commemorative of the birth of his father, the late King Humbert, who died in 1900 at the hands of an assassin.

As the King's carriage, escorted by cuirassiers, was passing along the Via Lata, a man pushed through the line of soldiers that guarded the street and fired three shots from a revolver. One of the bullets went wild, another struck one of the horses and the third, wounded the officer in command of the escort. A fourth time the assassin pulled the trigger, but the cartridge failed to explode.

King Remains Calm.

King Victor Emmanuel remained calm throughout, and devoted his attention to quieting the fears of the Queen. The carriage proceeded to the Pantheon, where the ceremonies were carried out, with even more solemnity than usual, as though befittng the narrow escape of the King.

Meanwhile the infuriated populace sprang upon the King's assistant and beat him almost into insensibility. He was rescued by guardsmen and handed over to the police.

Dalia admitted his intention, to assassinate the King as a protest against organized society. Victor Emmanuel himself spoke of the anarchist "as another man belonging to no country—a man without a fatherland."

Pope Pius, when notified of the attempt upon the King's life expressed deep regret, and added: "These are the consequences of the irreligion of our times."

Great Demonstration.

All through the day great crowds paraded the streets shouting: "Long live the King." But the greatest demonstration occurred soon after Victor Emmanuel returned to the palace, around which 250,000 persons had gathered. They cheered the Cabinet Ministers, Senators and Deputies, including several Socialists Deputies, who called at the royal palace to felicitate the King upon his escape. The King, accompanied by the Queen and the crown prince, appeared in the great ball room. In reply to their congratulations the King said:

"At first I noticed nothing. I was looking out of the carriage window at the Colonnade Church, on the left, when I heard two shots. I had no thought that it was an attempt against my life."

Queen Helena explained that she had witnessed the act of the assassin, as he fired the first shot. She had the impression that he had pulled the trigger three times more, but only twice had she heard a shot.

TAFT SENTIMENT SPREADS RAPIDLY

President's Manager Makes Public Encouraging Reports.

GLASSCOCK GIVES OUT INTERVIEW

Statement Written by Director of Roosevelt's Campaign Used to Express Sentiments of West Virginia Governor. Counter-Claims as to Situation in Indiana.

Washington, March 14.—Unusual activity was evident at both the Taft and Roosevelt campaign headquarters here to-day.

As the result of general inquiries by Director McKinley, the Taft headquarters gave out nearly a score of reports to show growing Taft sentiment throughout both contested States.

Senator Dixon, manager of the Roosevelt campaign, engineered for the newspapers a personal interview with Governor Glasscock, of West Virginia. Governor Glasscock gave out a statement that Mr. Dixon had written conveying Governor Glasscock's opinion that in his political experience, he has never yet seen a more determined uprising of the rank and file of the Republican party than in the present situation for Roosevelt.

Gifford Pinchot, Representative Wilson, of Illinois, Governor Glasscock and O. K. Davis, the new assistant manager of the Roosevelt campaign, offered emphatic expressions of their confidence in the increasing tide of Roosevelt sentiment.

Encouraging Report from New.

A telegram from Harry S. New, of Indianapolis, chairman of the Republican National Committee, made public by the Taft committee, said that the Roosevelt sentiment is palpably on the wane in Indiana, "and that President Taft would probably secure the four delegates at large there as well as most of the district delegates."

A counter statement from the Roosevelt managers charged that "the Taft machine" in Indiana, "banned now by ex-Senator Hemenway, is trying by every convention" to throttle any expression of sentiment by the Republican voters of Indiana and to thwart their desire to participate in the selection of their presidential candidate.

Views of Adam Bede.

Former Representative J. Adam Bede, of Minnesota, was most emphatic to-day in declaring that public sentiment has undergone an immense change in all directions. "The people are coming to feel that Teddy has turned turtle on Taft, the party and the country," he said. "and that they must get busy once more, as they did in '04, against political vagaries that would handicap our national progress. The pre-convention contest looks to me, and I have been traveling many miles recently, like a tragedy for the country, who would be overwhelmed by the political sanity of the nation. The fight is already won for the administration and the Roosevelt boom is on the verge of a memorable collapse."

Ad. Fullette's faint-hearted allies stood by him, and have secured more delegates than Roosevelt. The President's managers should now turn their thoughts to November and prepare such a platform as will rally to its support every rational Republican."

Roosevelt Forces Control.

Guthrie, Okla., March 14.—After a tumultuous half-hour, Roosevelt supporters gained control of the preliminary session of the Republican State Convention this afternoon, and temporary organization was effected, with E. N. Parmenter, of Lawton, as temporary chairman. Parmenter received 64 votes to 184 cast for Frank H. Green, the nominee of the Taft forces. J. D. Dyche, of Oklahoma City, was named secretary.

Encouraged by the seating of their delegates from thirteen counties where Roosevelt gained control, the preliminary session of the State Convention, under the leadership of State Chairman James A. Harris, candidate for national nomination, began their fight when an effort was made to organize the convention temporarily. After a dispute as to whether the contesting delegates should be permitted to vote, it was decided that the roll as prepared should stand, and the vote was taken, showing the Roosevelt contingent to be in a practically two to one majority.

After the vote the convention adjourned until 7:30 o'clock to-night.

When the convention reconvened at 9:30 o'clock the Roosevelt forces unseated the contesting Taft delegates and substituted Roosevelt men in their place. The report of the Taft committee was adopted by a vote of 298 to 162.

After an unsuccessful attempt was made to have the convention ordered to reconvene at the State Capitol, the choice of the Roosevelt followers, was elected national committeeman by a vote of 111 to 127. J. C. Harris opposed him.

Contesting Delegates Named.

Tulsa, Okla., March 14.—The delegates were elected to-day from the Third Congressional District of Oklahoma to the Chicago Republican Convention. The Roosevelt members bolted at the Congressional Committee meeting two hours before the time set for the convention when the Taft committee made an effort to unseat its chairman, who was a Roosevelt supporter.

The Roosevelt faction elected A. A. Small and A. E. Dennison as delegates to the national convention. The Taft forces elected Joseph A. Gill and John Hillman as delegates.

STATE TROOPS ARE READY TO MARCH

Rifles and Ammunition Sent to Hillsville From Roanoke.

GOVERNOR OFFERS \$3,000 REWARD

Militia Will Not Be Ordered Out Unless Later Reports Indicate That Help Is Needed—Attorney-General Goes to Scene to Act for Governor.

Governor Offers \$3,000 Reward

Richmond, Va., March 14, 1912.

J. G. Ayers, Hillsville, Va.: I authorize you to offer a reward of \$3,000 for the arrest of all the guilty parties concerned in the murders at Hillsville this morning, or \$500 for each one.

(Signed) WILLIAM HODGES MANN, Governor.

Following a telephone request last night from Detective D. O. Baldwin, Governor Mann went into conference with Adjutant-General Sale, at the conclusion of which General Sale telegraphed orders for Captain H. W. Davant, Company F, Roanoke, Second Infantry Regiment, to take two men, twenty army rifles and ammunition and proceed at once to join Baldwin's forces in Hillsville. Baldwin's force, consisting of fifteen experienced detectives from Roanoke, Pulaski and Radford, will be additionally reinforced to-day by Detective Phelps and ten assistants, who are hurrying to Hillsville from Bluefield, W. Va.

Governor Mann at 7 o'clock last night increased the reward for the capture of the murderers to \$3,000 from the original offer of \$1,000. A reward of \$500 is posted by the Governor for each man of the Allen band who is captured, dead or alive, or \$2,000 for the whole band. The announcement of the increased reward was immediately telegraphed to Hillsville and to the North Carolina authorities.

Under Marching Orders.

Although the militia was not ordered out, it was stated at the end of the conference between the Governor and General Sale that Company F, Roanoke, and Company E, Lynchburg, First Infantry Regiment, are being held under marching orders in anticipation of a call from Detective Baldwin. These two commands, the nearest to the scene of yesterday's crime, can be embarked on a special train at short notice. The moment it is deemed necessary, Detective Baldwin will ask for troops, and the Adjutant-General will rush them to the scene.

Owing to the unusual natural obstacles to the movements of troops, and to the fact that the seventeen murderers are thought to have dispersed to the mountains, it is believed that the successful shifting of militia to the scene of the crime will not be possible around Hillsville. The troops would be next to useless in tracking the band through the mountains and would be continuously exposed to a serious ambush at the hands of the Allen. On the other hand, troops of Carroll citizens, armed with army rifles, would be familiar with the country and the men they had to deal with, and would probably meet with greater success.

The possibility of carrying out the militia rests on two conditions. In case the gang has stuck together and, as reported, is barricaded in a barn, the troops will be necessary to storm the building and capture the band on the spot. Again, in event several members of the band are captured by the detectives, troops will be needed to prevent hemp and tree justice being visited on the murderers by the infuriated citizens of Carroll. There is a strong possibility of the movement of troops this morning.

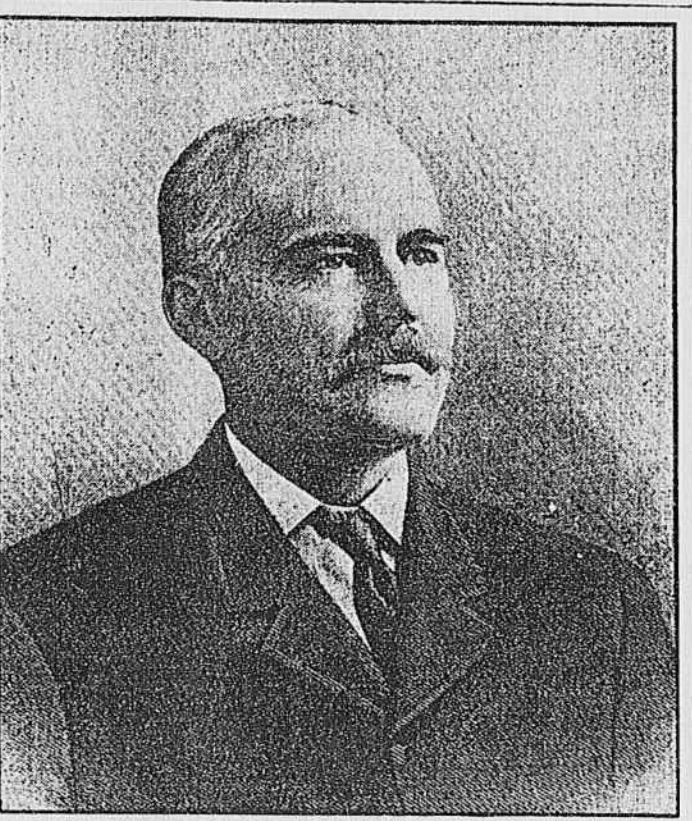
Telegraphic Isolation of Hillsville.

The telegraphic isolation of Hillsville making control from the Governor's office almost impossible, Attorney-General Williams was sent by Governor Mann to Hillsville last night. The full direction of the pursuit and punishment of the murderers is in the hands of Judge Williams, he being clothed with the power of Governor for the time being.

With him he carries a commission from the Governor appointing Judge Walter R. Staples, of Roanoke, Judge of the Carroll County Circuit Court, with orders to reconvene Judge Massie's court to-day, and in the event that members of the band are caught to try them immediately. Judge Staples is also given the authority to appoint a Commonwealth's attorney to fill the place vacated by the murder of W. M. Foster. Those of the murderers who fall alive into the hands of the posse will receive short and swift justice, being tried in the very courtroom which was the scene of their brutal crime. The Attorney-General and Judge Staples will arrive in Hillsville this morning and will reconvene court this afternoon.

When asked regarding the plan of action, the Attorney-General said: "Governor Mann has appointed me to go to Hillsville, restore order and vindicate the outraged justice of Virginia. I have no plans except to open

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Photograph from "Men of Mark in Virginia." JUDGE THORNTON L. MASSIE.

ACTS OF OUTLAWS TERRORIZE TOWN TO POINT OF PARALYSIS

Citizens Take to Flight and Mothers Carry Children to Places of Safety—No Man Left to Organize Pursuit.

Hillsville, Va., March 14.—A troop of mountain outlaws rode down out of the Blue Ridge to-day to the Carroll county courthouse here and assassinated the judge upon the bench, the prosecutor before the bar and the sheriff at the door while sentence was being pronounced upon Floyd Allen, one of their number. When the crack of the rifles died away only one member of the human fabric of the court—Dexter Goad, the clerk—was alive, and he had been wounded. Jurymen and onlookers were struck in the fusillade, but none was wounded seriously.

The outlaws had a good start up in the mountain brush before the posse, quickly organized, was making a semblance of a pursuit. Sheriffs and deputies from neighboring counties cannot reach here before early morning. A special train from Roanoke to-night brought twenty detectives to Galax, the nearest railroad station, nine miles away. It will be midnight before these can get over the mountain roads, hub-die in spring mud. It probably will be daylight before forces can be assembled.

Governor Mann has offered a \$3,000 reward for the capture of the assassins, and holds State troops under arms for orders at Lynchburg and Roanoke.

Hillsville Terrorized.

The shooting terrorized Hillsville to the point of paralysis. There was not a man to give an order or organize a pursuit. Citizens fled to places of safety, and mothers gathered up their children while the assassins rode out of town.

Judge Thornton L. Massie had risen from his chair as the bullets struck him, and he fell across his desk, a bleeding corpse.

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In the confusion he was reported killed. Jurors who had been slightly wounded were reported dead, and by that infernal method of communication which prevails in the woodland country, reports of a wholesale slaughter shot out to the countryside.

Floyd Allen was before the bar this morning, convicted of taking a prisoner from a deputy sheriff. Allen had struck the sheriff over the head with the butt of a rifle, and the prisoner, despite dire warnings of what such a venture might mean.

Attorney Foster had prosecuted him fearlessly, and a mountaineer jury, gathered from the inland section, for no man in Carroll county cared to sit in the trial of an Allen, had convicted him.

This morning the sentence of Allen attracted an unusually large gathering to the quaint old red brick courthouse, which stands on a green square, well in the centre of the village. Those who could not get in the small room peered through the windows, opened to the first day of spring.

Just as Allen was about to be called up for sentence, his two brothers, Sidney and Back, at the head of a troop of about twenty mountaineers rode up to the courthouse.

Carry Rifles and Revolvers.

The brothers and their companions, some carrying rifles and others armed with revolvers, crowded into the small court room and stood behind the rail and about the door. Floyd Allen, asked, tall and gaunt, much the familiar type of mountaineer, was in the dock.

Judge Massie mounted the bench and Prosecutor Foster moved that sentence be passed upon Allen, who stood up. There was a shuffling of feet and a

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JUDGE, SHERIFF AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SLAIN

Assassinations Had Been Deliberately Planned by Floyd Allen, Prisoner at the Bar, and His Gang of Outlaws, and Were as Deliberately Executed in Courtroom.

FUSILLADE OF SHOTS RINGS OUT WHEN SENTENCE IS PRONOUNCED, AND AWFUL REVENGE IS COMPLETE

"I Die in Discharge of My Duty," Last Words of Judge Thornton L. Massie as He Expires in Arms of His Friend—Assassins, Mounting Their Horses, Dash Away to the Mountains, Where Capture Is Difficult and Improbable. Leader, Wounded, Is Left Behind and Is Surrounded in Hotel—Whole State Stands Aghast at Outrage.

THE DEAD.

THORNTON L. MASSIE, Judge of the Circuit Court;

WILLIAM M. FOSTER, Attorney for the Commonwealth.

LEWIS F. WEBB, Sheriff.

THE WOUNDED.

FLOYD ALLEN, convicted prisoner at the bar, condition very dangerous.

DEXTER GOAD, Clerk of the county, seriously.

COLUMBUS KANE, juror, dangerously.

C. C. FOWLER, juror, probably fatally.

STUART W. WORRELL, juror, slightly.

BY ALEXANDER FORWARD.

PULASKI, VA., MARCH 15, 2 A. M.—IT IS REPORTED BY TRAINMEN JUST ARRIVING FROM GALAX THAT THE ALLENS ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN MOMENTARILY TO RESCUE THE WOUNDED PRISONER.

THE PEOPLE OF THE LITTLE TOWN ARE PANIC-STRIKEN, WITH ALL THE SYMBOLS OF THE PROTECTION OF THE LAW DESTROYED AND UTTERLY AT THE MERCY OF THE MOB.

THEY FEEL THAT THE STATE HAS DISREGARDED THEIR CALL FOR HELP.

PULASKI, VA., MARCH 14.—MARTYRS TO THE CAUSE OF LAW AND ORDER, AS BRAVE AND PATRIOTIC AS ANY SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BATTLED FOR THEIR COUNTRY AT THE CANNON'S MOUTH, THE OFFICERS OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CARROLL HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES TO PRESERVE THE MAJESTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE. FULLY EXPECTING THEIR DOOM, THEY WALKED SMILING AND UNPERTURBED INTO THE VERY JAWS OF THAT DEATH WHICH THEY DISDAINED TO AVERT BY ANY MEANS WHICH MIGHT HAVE INDICATED WEAKNESS IN THE POWER OF THE COURTS.

"Rather than indicate a fear of lawbreakers by sitting on the bench with a weapon in my pocket, I prefer to be killed in the administration of justice." This was the reply of Judge Thornton L. Massie only last night to a friend who implored him to take steps for his own protection against the lawless element he had determined to bring to justice.

Expected His Good-Bye to Be Final.

His last good-bye to his dear ones here on Monday was full of the feeling that he should never see them again.

Commonwealth's Attorney Foster said this morning as he walked to his doom that it probably would be his last day upon earth. So these men did their duty without flinching.

The tragedy to-day at Hillsville, in the mountain of Carroll county, the most horrible and dastardly blow at civilization in the history of Virginia, and probably without a parallel in modern times, was deliberately planned and executed, in the opinion of all those who have become acquainted with the circumstances. It was intended to wipe out an entire court for daring to break up a gang which has set at naught all law and all order for years. In so doing the Alleens of Carroll have placed an ineffaceable stain of blood and of shame upon the annals of a great State.

Their Threats Carried Into Effect.

At the moment of the conviction of one of their number the tribe carried prior threats into effect. They made of the building dedicated to the administration of justice a scene of the greatest possible outrage upon every vestige of the future organized society which has to do with safety of human life and property.

Apprehension of the perpetrators of this offense seems doubtful. Detectives are on the way to the scene of the crime, but the mountains are vast, and the lawless element is cunning and desperate. The militia would be more effective, and chances of the capture of the criminals would be greatly enhanced

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